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Applicants: N. TAKANO, et al.

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Confirm. No: 2441**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT (37 CFR §1.121)****Mail Stop: AMEND – NO FEE**Commissioner for Patents
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SIR:

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR §1.121) mailed December 28, 2005, in connection with the above-identified application, is noted. This Notice indicates that the Amendment document filed on December 15, 2005, is considered non-compliant "because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR §1.121".

However, it is to be noted that the above-identified application is a Reissue Application; and, accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the requirements for amendments to the claims, set forth in 37 CFR §1.121(c), are not applicable to the above-identified application. See 37 CFR §1.121(i), stating that any amendment to the description and claims in reissue applications must be made in accordance with 37 CFR §1.173.

Thus, attention is respectfully directed to 37 CFR §1.173(b)(2). This rule section indicates that an Amendment paper in a reissue application must include the entire text of each claim being changed by such amendment paper and of each claim being added by such amendment paper; and that for any claim changed by the amendment paper, a parenthetical expression should follow the claim number.

In connection therewith, note the section of Amendments to the Claims, on page 2 of the Amendment filed on December 15, 2005. For the claim changed by the Amendment paper, a parenthetical expression follows the claim number (that is, a parenthetical expression follows claim 1).

Note that 37 CFR §1.73(c)(2) does not require a parenthetical expression for "each claim being added by such amendment paper" and does not require that the listing include claims which are not being amended by the amendment paper. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that, contrary to the Notice mailed December 28, 2005, the Amendment submitted December 15, 2005 was complete and in compliance with the applicable rule, that is, 37 CFR §1.173(c)(2).

Moreover, note also the paper entitled, "Status of Claims and Support for Claim Changes" submitted December 15, 2005; it is respectfully submitted that such paper satisfies requirements of 37 CFR §1.173(c).

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that applicants have satisfied all applicable requirements of 37 CFR §1.173, in connection with the papers filed December 15, 2005. Moreover, it is respectfully submitted that as the above-identified application is a Reissue Application, requirements of 37 CFR §1.121 are not applicable to the amendments filed December 15, 2005. In view of all the

foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Notice mailed December 28, 2005, entry of the Amendment submitted December 15, 2005, and examination of the above-identified application in due course, are respectfully requested.

Applicants request any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper be charged to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (case 511.40488R01), and credit any excess payment of fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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